

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-60 are pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has found that there are allegedly two distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application, and has required restriction to one of those inventions, as follows:

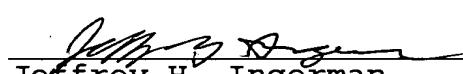
Group I: Claims 1-30, drawn to a semiconductor pattern mask.

Group II: Claims 31-60, drawn to a semiconductor manufacturing method.

Applicants' Election

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, for examination in this application, the invention of Group I (claims 1-30). Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the invention of Group II (claims 31-60) in one or more continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,


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